



**Prevent Child Abuse
Idaho**

a provisional chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America

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Idaho Children's Trust Fund Newsletter

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The Idaho Children's Trust Fund is a unique entity: a state agency housed under the Department of Health & Welfare, a funder of service providers, and now, Prevent Child Abuse Idaho, a provisional chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America.

Prevent Child Abuse America has a network of chapters in 40 states, all defined by their shared focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. While similar in many of the activities they support and implement—advocacy, public awareness, training/education, prevention programming, coalition building, and Child Abuse Prevention Month activities among others—PCAA's state Chapters are also independent of one another and unique in terms of the kinds of strategies and programming they offer.

Many PCA chapters are also Children's Trust Funds like Idaho, while some are associated with other child abuse prevention organizations, such as the Ounce of Prevention Fund. Others are stand-alone non-profits, but all are intent on working to prevent child abuse and neglect in their states.

ICTF is proud to announce our affiliation with Prevent Child Abuse America, and looking forward to sharing with Idaho the public awareness activities, information resources, and promising prevention strategies developed by and promoted through PCA America. Please visit the PCAA website at www.preventchildabuse.org to learn more.

Tax Time Isn't All Bad

You probably know that the ICTF provides grants to organizations throughout the state, but do you know where the funding for those

grants comes from? It comes through donations from Idahoans concerned with keeping kids safe from abuse so they grow up to become happy, healthy, productive citizens of our state.

The ICTF receives no general funds from the state, so in order to provide funding for prevention organizations, we must raise funds just like non-profit organizations. Our primary means of fundraising is the voluntary donation line on the Idaho State Income Tax form (Tax Check-Off).

This is a relatively simple and painless way to give, and our fellow Idahoans chose this method to donate \$88,500 to the ICTF last year.

The money we raise through the Tax Check-Off goes back into Idaho communities in the form of grants for programs that provide child abuse and neglect prevention services. The Tax Check-Off works well as a fundraiser for our organization because it doesn't compete with fundraising efforts of the many programs across the state that we fund, and that's important to us. We hope you will consider a donation to the Children's Trust Fund/Child Abuse Prevention on your state tax form in 2007.

If you do not prepare your taxes yourself, why not take just a moment right now to write a check, or use your credit card to donate on our secure website.

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click on Support ICTF.

Protecting Idaho children from abuse and neglect.

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Grant Applications Available January 2, 2007

Mini Grant applications for the 2007 – 2008 grant cycle will be available on the ICTF website on January 2. Twelve month Mini Grants of up to \$3,000 annually will be awarded to support a variety of community-based projects aimed at preventing child abuse or neglect.

Multi-Year Grant applications for the 2007 – 2010 Cycle will also be available on the website on Jan. 2. These grants run for a period of three years, with a total of \$40,000 provided for each funded program. Proposed projects must be designed using research based or best practice methods and well-defined short, intermediate, and long-term outcomes that are measurable.

All grant applications are due in the ICTF office by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2007. For more information, please go to www.idahochildrenstrustfund.idaho.gov, call 208-386-9317 or email howerm@idhw.state.id.us.

"Board Award" Applications Due February 23, 2007

The "Board Award" is an annual award created by the members of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund Board to recognize and reward a particular child abuse prevention effort in Idaho that is creative, innovative and impacts the community in a positive way by *preventing* the abuse and neglect of children.

Any agency, organization or individual engaged in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho is eligible to apply. This includes, but is not limited to: non-profits, government agencies, schools, hospitals, foster parents, faith communities, child care centers, coalitions, private counseling centers, homeless shelters, and service clubs.

The winner of the ICTF "Board Award" for Child Abuse Prevention will receive a monetary award of \$5,000 to be used to continue their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho. The winner will also receive public recognition through the ICTF's website, newsletter, and any other available media.

Nominations will be accepted from throughout Idaho and the ICTF Board will choose the recipient of this \$5,000 award. The details of the award, including criteria for nominations and the application, are available on the ICTF website. The closing date for nominations is February 23, and the winner will be announced at the Award Luncheon during the 8th Annual *Strengthening Families to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference* on March 20.

Funding Available to Regions for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund will provide funding to be used to promote greater public awareness of the need for preventing child abuse and neglect. Each of Idaho's seven Health and Welfare regions will be awarded \$2,500 annually to be used for awareness materials, campaigns and activities during the month of April, which is nationally designated as "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month."

Coalitions of interested parties will need to work together to decide on a plan for promoting awareness in their region, and one organization, agency or individual to take the leadership role and act as the fiscal agent for the entire region. If you are interested in participating in your region's campaign, please e-mail howerm@idhw.state.id.us or call the ICTF office at 208-386-9317 for who to contact in your region. Applications for the funding are due in the ICTF office by January 31, 2007.

Welcome Jeanne Koeberlein!

Jeanne joined our staff in November as a half-time Office Specialist. A native of Vancouver, Washington, Jeanne has traveled the globe with her husband's career as an engineer. Jeanne enjoys cross country skiing, trout fishing, knitting, art and reading. We're glad she and her husband Bob chose to settle in Boise. Please help us welcome Jeanne to the Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

Coffee Sleeves Available

Yes, it's that time of year again – time to distribute java jackets to coffee shops throughout Idaho with the ICTF's signature teal colored logo. Our primary means of raising money for grants is the voluntary donation line on the Idaho State Income Tax form, and the java jackets (a paper sleeve that goes around your to-go coffee cup to keep from burning your fingers) include a message to *Help Prevent Child Abuse* by donating on your state tax form. A case of coffee sleeves (1300) is available absolutely free of charge to every coffee-selling store in the state.

If you or someone you know owns a coffee shop, just call 208-386-9317 or email koeberlj@idhw.state.id.us to order your free coffee sleeves, and help prevent child abuse in Idaho!

SAVE THE DATE!

The ICTF's annual *Strengthening Families to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect* Conference is scheduled for March 19 & 20, 2007 at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Our first day keynote this year will be "*Poverty Impacts on Child Abuse and Neglect: Shattering Myths and Overcoming Barriers*" by Donna Beegle, Ed.D., president of Communication Across Barriers. After growing up in generational poverty, leaving school for marriage at 15, having two children and continuing to cope with poverty, she found herself, at 25, with no husband, little education, and no job skills. What followed in 10 short years were: self confidence, a G.E.D., an A.A., a B.A. (with honors), a Master's Degree in Communication with a minor in Gender Studies (with honors), and completion of a Doctorate Degree. Her personal history and studies of communication, poverty, gender, and education make her uniquely qualified to work with organizations and individuals to increase success for people from poverty backgrounds.

Our second day keynoter is Margaret Hunt, LCSW, Director of Prevention & Family Support at Casey Family Programs. Established by United Parcel Service founder Jim Casey, Casey Family Programs is a Seattle-based national operating foundation that has served children, youth, and families in the child welfare system since 1966. CFP operates in two ways; they provide direct services, and they promote advances in child-welfare practice and policy. Ms. Hunt will inform us about Powerful Families, a strengths-based family empowerment model that provides parents, kinship care providers, and youth transitioning from foster care with the tools required to advocate for their families' needs.

Through its free workshops, Powerful Families promotes personal and community development—the essential building blocks for vibrant communities and social change.

Workshop topics this year include *Partnering with Parents*, *Strengthening Families Using 5 Protective Factors*, *Authentic Voices: The Survivors Role in Prevention*, *Stewards of Children: Adults Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse*, *Healthy Sexuality for Tweens and Teens*, *Social Enterprise: Earned Income for Non-Profits*, and many more. Registration is only \$75 for both days and includes lunches and CEU's. Information and details will be available on our website in January 2007.

Calendar

Dec. 2006 —

Information available on ICTF website for
“Board Award” for child abuse prevention.

Jan. 2, 2007 —

Mini Grant (2007-08) and Multi-Year Grant (2007-10)
applications available on ICTF website.

Jan. 31 —

Regional Child Abuse Prevention Awareness
applications due at ICTF office.

Feb. 15 —

Letter of Intent due for Multi-Year Grant Applications.

Feb. 23 —

ICTF “Board Award” applications due in ICTF office.

Mar. 15 —

Mini Grant and Multi-Year Grant applications
due in ICTF office by 5:00 pm.

Mar. 19-20 —

8th Annual *Strengthening Families to Prevent Child Abuse and
Neglect* Conference at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise.

April 2007 —

National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

May 21 & 22 —

ICTF Spring Board Meeting in Boise.

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